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SUBJ: DRUG ABUSE IN WESTERN EUROPE (C-DI-6-50012)

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1. STATISTICAL INFORMATION REGARDING NARCOTICS ABUSE
AND TREATMENT IN THE FRG IS SOMEWHAT FRAGMENTARY AND
EMBASSY WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN DEFINITIVE ANSWERS FOR
ALL QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL.

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2. BEST AVAILABLE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED

REFTEL FOLLOW:

(A) WHAT IS THE BEST CURRENT ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF DAILY CHRONIC USERS (I.E. ADDICTS) OF HEROIN OR OTHER OPIATES IN FRG?

FRG OFFICIALS ESTIMATE THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 18 TO 19,000 CHRONIC OPIATE ADDICTS IN THE COUNTRY. A SMALL, BUT UNKNOWN, PERCENTAGE OF THIS TOTAL INCLUDES PERSONS USING OPIATES FOR LEGITIMATE THERAPEUTIC PURPOSES.

(B) DOES AN OFFICIAL DRUG ABUSE AND TREATMENT PROGRAM CURRENTLY EXIST; AND, IF SO, HOW MANY HEROIN ADDICTS ARE REGISTERED?

THE FRG HAS A PROGRAM CONSISTING OF 62 DRUG TREATMENT CENTERS WHICH FURNISH TREATMENT AND/OR ADVICE ON AN IN-PATIENT AND OUT-PATIENT BASIS. THESE CENTERS ARE FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS, BUT DO NOT PROVIDE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WITH STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THEIR PATIENTS.

(C) ARE THERE ANY PRIVATE DRUG ABUSE AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS OR CENTERS IN FRG; AND, IF SO, HOW MANY ADDICTS ARE CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN SUCH PROGRAMS?

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 500 PRIVATE DRUG ABUSE AND TREATMENT CENTERS IN THE FRG, MOST OF WHICH ARE SPONSORED BY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. THESE CENTERS DO NOT MAKE THEIR RECORDS AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES.

(D) WHAT IS THE BEST CURRENT ESTIMATE OF THE PROBABLE NUMBER OF HEROIN OR OPIUM ADDICTS NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVING TREATMENT IN EITHER A GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATELY SPONSORED PROGRAM? WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR YOUR ESTIMATE, I.E., POLICE RECORDS, HOSPITAL AND CLINIC RECORDS, OTHER?

INASMUCH AS NEITHER PUBLIC NOR PRIVATE DRUG TREATMENT CENTERS MAKE THEIR RECORDS AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY HOW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MANY OPIUM OR HEROIN ADDICTS CURRENTLY ARE OR ARE NOT RECEIVING TREATMENT IN THE FRG. THERE EXISTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY REGIONAL AND CITY HEALTH CENTERS WHICH PROVIDE GENERAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES SUCH AS INNOCULATIONS ETC. MANY, BUT NOT ALL OF THESE HEALTH CARE CENTERS, PROVIDE GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES WITH STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THEIR PATIENTS. IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF EVENTS MANY OPIATE ADDICTS SEEK ADVICE AND/OR

TREATMENT FROM THESE HEALTH CARE CENTERS, AND IN SO
DOING THEIR PROBLEM IS DOCUMENTED OR REGISTERED AND
MADE AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES.
PERSONS FALLING IN THIS CATEGORY ARE GENERALLY REFERRED
TO A CENTER SPECIALIZING IN DRUG TREATMENT, BUT THERE
IS NO WAY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ACTUALLY RECEIVE
TREATMENT. AS A RESULT OF INFORMATION EMANATING FROM
HEALTH CARE CENTERS AND POLICE RECORDS, THE FRG HAS
6,255 REGISTERED OPIATE ADDICTS. THIS FIGURE AMOUNTS
TO APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF THE ESTIMATE GIVEN IN
ANSWER (A). CASH

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